

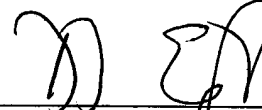
REMARKS

Applicant submits this amendment to correct an error in the amendment of the specification filed April 16, 2003. Applicant amended the last paragraph on Page 15 of the specification to more clearly define the term "canoe-shaped". However, Applicant has discovered that the clarification may have inadvertently narrowed the meaning of the term in that an arc tube having a "canoe-shaped" lower portion may not have a horizontal cross-section in the shape of an oval. Applicant now amends that paragraph to provide a more accurate clarification of the meaning of the term "canoe-shaped". Note that the changes illustrated in the replacement paragraph are relative to the amendment filed April 16, 2003, and not the original paragraph.

With respect to the Section 102 rejection based on Kowalczyk, Applicant's new clarified meaning of the term "canoe-shaped" specifies that the arc tube progressively narrows longitudinally from the center to the ends of the arc tube. The arc tube disclosed by Kowalczyk is formed from a cylindrical tube having pinched end portions. Kowalczyk fails to disclose or suggest an arc tube having a "canoe-shaped" lower portion as clarified by amendment.

A further and favorable action and allowance of all claims is solicited.

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